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IV.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

(1) POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTION OF PRESIDENTS OF PANCHAYATS.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Sri T. P. Alagamuthu, has given notice of the following adjournment motion :—

" That the House be adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importance viz., the stalemate and dislocation in the Panchayat Administration in the State consequent on the postponement of election of Presidents of Panchayats ".

I do not think that it comes under an adjournment motion.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I would suggest that if the hon. Member puts a short notice question, it can be answered in two or three days.

MR. SPEAKER : That is right. I withhold consent to the adjournment motion

திரு. கரு. சீமைச்சாமி: Sir, on a point of information, இன்று பத்திரிகைகளில் மார்ச் 29-ம் தேதி நடக்க வேண்டிய பஞ்சாயத்துத் தேர்தல்கள் ஏப்ரல் 14, 15 தேதிகளுக்கு மாற்றப் பட்டிருக்கிறது என்று வந்திருக்கிறது. அது உண்மையா ?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் : அந்தச் செய்தி சரியல்ல. குறுகிய காலக் கேள்வி ஒன்று கொடுத்தால் எந்தத் தேதியில் நடக்கும் என்பன போன்ற விவரங்களையெல்லாம் கொடுக்கலாம்; உப கேள்விகளும் கேட்கலாம்.

(2) CLOSURE OF COLLEGES AND HIGH SCHOOLS.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Sri Alagamuthu, has also given notice of another adjournment motion, namely :—

' That the House be adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the dislocation in the educational system consequent on the closure of colleges and high schools till the 8th March 1965.'

This is also a policy matter which cannot be discussed in an adjournment motion. It can be raised during the discussion on the Education Demand. Therefore, I withhold my consent to this adjournment motion also.

V.— CALLING ATTENTION TO GRAVE FAMINE CONDITIONS IN TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT.

SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Food to the following matter of urgent public importance, viz., the grave famine conditions prevailing in Tirunelveli district on account of the complete failure of monsoon rain and the consequent failure of both wet and dry crops and the scarcity of drinking water in several taluks and the measures to be taken such as remission of taxes, rushing of food grains, deepening of wells and providing work to the agricultural population. 10-30 a.m.

(Mr. Deputy Speaker in the Chair.)